Problem 1

$$\begin{split} &P(X=k) = (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p \\ &P(X=n+k|X>n) = \frac{P(X=n+k\cap X>n)}{P(X>n)} \\ &P(X=n+k|X>n) = \frac{(1-p)^{n+k-1} \cdot p}{(1-p)^n} \\ &P(X=n+k|X>n) = (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p = P(X=k) \\ \Rightarrow &P(X=n+k|X>n) = P(X=k), \forall n,k \geqslant 1 \end{split}$$

Problem 2

Question a

$$p_k = P(Heads)p_{k+1} + P(Tails)p_{k-1}$$

$$p_k = \frac{1}{2}p_{k+1} + \frac{1}{2}p_{k-1}$$

Question b

$$b_1 = p_1 - p_0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}p_2 + \frac{1}{2}p_0 - p_0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}p_2 - \frac{1}{2}p_0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}p_2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$b_2 = p_2 - p_1$$

$$= p_2 - (\frac{1}{2}p_2 + \frac{1}{2}p_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}p_2 - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = b_2$$

Question c

$$\begin{aligned} b_k &= p_k - p_{k-1} \\ &= p_k - \left(\frac{1}{2}p_k + \frac{1}{2}p_{k-2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}p_k - \frac{1}{2}p_{k-2} \\ b_k &= p_{k-1} - p_{k-2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}p_k + \frac{1}{2}p_{k-2} - p_{k-2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}p_k - \frac{1}{2}p_{k-2} \\ &\Rightarrow b_k = b_{k-1} \\ &\Rightarrow b_k = b_{k-1} = \dots = b_1 \leftarrow \text{By induction} \\ &\Rightarrow b_k = b_1, \forall k \in (0, N] \end{aligned}$$

Question d

$$b_k = b_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k b_i = k \cdot b_1$$

$$b_k = p_k - p_{k-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k b_i = \sum_{i=1}^k p_k - p_{k-1} = p_k - p_0$$

$$\Rightarrow k \cdot b_1 = p_k - p_0$$

$$\Rightarrow p_k = k \cdot b_1 + p_0$$

Question e

$$p_k = k \cdot b_1 + p_0$$

$$p_N = N \cdot b_1 + p_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow N = -\frac{p_0}{b_1} = -\frac{1}{b_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_k = k \cdot b_1 + p_0$$

$$\Rightarrow p_k = -\frac{k}{N} + 1$$